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An Atlanta negro was jailed for cutting a wart off the hind leg of a mule. O, how could he do it! But he did, and should have been given a hero medal instead of jailed.

The experience of that insane woman in Missouri in whose stomach was found by the surgeons who conducted the post-mortem examination 1,446 nails, bolts, hairpins, and other metallic articles seems to prove conclusively that a diet of hardware is bound to lead to fatal results eventually.

An Ohio physician, who suspected that one of his patients had contracted tuberculosis from a pet cat, examined a hundred cats in the town and found germs of tuberculosis in every one. Thirty of them were seriously ill. It has long been known that cats carry the contagion of scarlet fever and measles in their fur. If it shall be established that they can communicate tuberculosis to human beings, their popularity will diminish in careful families.

Our Congressman, Hon. R. V. Thomas, has introduced a bill proposing that the government secure Mammoth Cave as a national park and calling for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase, beautifying and maintaining of same. The idea is favorably received in Congress as well as by the press and public, and while there is little likelihood that it will be reached this term, which is a short one, doubtless favorable action will be taken next term. Mr. Thomas is also preparing a bill which will offer the home and grounds of Jefferson Davis as a gift to the people. This, also, will doubtless receive favorable consideration, and Mr. Thomas is receiving much praise for his activities along these lines.

The interrelations between the various organs and members of the body are sometimes so subtle that they escape the attention of anatomists for generations and then come up as sensational and important discoveries. A physician in London, Dr. William Martin Richards, has had occasion to observe a relation existing between the eyes and the voice and has recently made a statement of two cases that came under his treatment where actresses who had lost their voices completely recovered them when treated for defective eyes and fitted with proper glasses. He tells of one young woman in whose family eye diseases were hereditary, who found herself at the age of 22 losing her voice. Her eyes were found to be in need of attention and when she had been supplied with glasses she promptly recovered her singing voice. When she discarded the glasses some time later and her eyes were once more neglected her voice also relapsed into a husky state that precluded all singing. This practitioner has observed a number of similar cases and the discovery of the relation between the eyes and the voice should certainly be valuable to stage folks and others who depend largely upon their voices for their status in the world.

An ingenious way of lighting a tunnel has been devised by a Parisian inventor. Reflectors throw the light from many electric lamps: sixteen feet above the rails to the sides of the tunnel, where it is again reflected by burnished tin, giving a soft and agreeable light. The trains automatically turn the current on and off when entering and leaving the tunnel.

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Oil-Cement Concrete Roads.

The 1910 report of Secretary of Agriculture has recently been issued in which it is stated: "The Department of Agriculture has conducted important investigative work during the past year in the development of oil-cement concrete. Portland cement concrete is rapidly becoming a universal building material. It has been found during the laboratory investigations that it is possible to mingle mineral oils with concrete which is still wet and before it is laid or moulded in the forms, so that the material may be rendered absolutely water proof. Several pieces of road surface have already been improved by oil-cement concrete. In addition to this a bridge surface has been constructed of this material in New Jersey, and these experiments have up to this time proven satisfactory. Oil-cement concrete is now being given a practical application on a series of new vaults at the United States treasury. From the results already obtained, the experiments indicate that it would be practicable to use this material for floors, cellars, walls and other similar constructions."

Logan Waller Page, Director of the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Government, is the inventor of mixing oil and cement to form a dressing for macadam roads, in the development of which he has been experimenting for the past year. The idea suggested itself to Mr. Page that if oil and Portland cement could be made to mix thoroughly an important problem in road-making and water-proof building construction would be solved. The following account of the development of Mr. Page's idea is taken from the New York Times:

Experiments were started at once by the Bureau of Public Roads. Mr. Page threw a quantity of oil into some raw cement, worked it thoroughly and left it to set. In a short time it had hardened as thoroughly as ordinary concrete does. Tests of the small blocks showed it to be tough, durable and entirely impervious to moisture.

Then the experiment work began in earnest. Mr. Page was confident that if the new concrete showed the strength and endurance of ordinary concrete it would work a revolution in the building world. For while ordinary concrete absorbs water, dusts and chips off and disintegrates in some cases, the mixture of oil with the cement in place of water seems to remedy most of these troubles.

Tanks have been built of the new material, so thin that water would have spouted through the usual concrete wall; but the oil concrete shows no leakage after months of use. A short stretch of road has been built of the material in Washington. While automobile tires pull up the fine particles of a macadam road, they seem to have no effect on the new surface, and the material embraces the virtues of asphalt without its great cost.

The tests have been so thorough that a mixture of oil and cement is now being used to construct new vaults in the United States Treasury. It will probably be used for a short section of an important engineering work in New York next year. Experimental pieces of the substance, after six months of hard usage, have sustained a pressure of 2,400 pounds to the square inch before breaking. Cement manufacturers have been sending car loads of cement to Washington, and oil producers have furnished many barrels of oil for the conduct of the experiments.

This is the invention which Mr. Page has asked to have patented in the name of the people of the United States. It has reached a stage of development where its success seems assured, and it is apparently destined to take the place of ordinary forms of concrete in the more important building operations of the future. Royalties amounting to millions of dollars are within the reach of the inventor, had he cared to withdraw from the public service, and carry on his experiments privately, and patent the process for his own use. But Mr. Page has become one of the "inventors for the common good," as they have come to be called.

Vital Statistics of Some Nations.

New Zealand has about the lowest death rate in the world.

Ireland's death-rate is slightly lower than that of England and Wales. In 1902 there were two thousand four hundred and sixty four deaths due to smallpox in England and Wales.

In six of the past nine years the deaths in France have exceeded the births.

No death from hydrophobia has been registered in England since 1902.

In England and Wales the birth-rate has been declining for many years.

On an average, there are about three thousand five hundred births weekly in Greater London.

Nearly one-fifth of the deaths in England occur in public institutions.

To every one thousand girls born in England and Wales in 1908 there were one thousand and thirty-six boys.

The birth-rate in England attained the highest point on record in 1876.

City Tax Ordinance.

An Ordinance fixing the tax rate for municipal purposes in the City of Greenville for the year 1911.

The City Council of the City of Greenville do ordain as follows:

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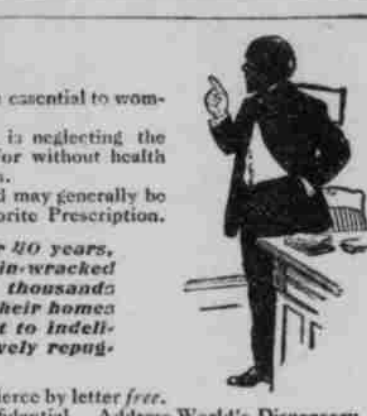
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